BEFORE THE IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE THE MARGATE, FORMALLY SECTION 3, ZONING COMMISSIONER VALLEY GATE * FOR W/S Green Tree Road 1590' N of c/l Hooks Lane BALTIMORE COUNTY 3rd Election District * CASE NO.: 93-368A 3rd Councilmanic District (Item No.: 374) Petitioner: Margate Joint Venture Lovell Homes, Inc. * * * * * * * * * * * *

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner and property owner request a variance from sections 1B01.2.C2.a (V.B.5.a. - C.M.D.P.) to allow dwellings with windows within 30 ft of a tract boundary in lieu of the required 35 ft; Section 1B01.2.C.2.b (V.B.6.c. - C.M.D.P.) to allow a minimum distance of 30 ft between centers of facing windows of different buildings in lieu of the required 40 ft. The Comprehensive Manual Development Policy (C.M.D.P.) is adopted pursuant to Section 504 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.).

The Petitioner/developer was represented at the hearing by Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire. Also appearing in support of the Petitioner was Richard E. Smith of KCI Technologies, Inc., project engineers for the site. There were no protestants present.

The proffered testimony by the Petitioner's counsel reveals that the subject tract is a triangular parcel of land consisting of 3.3 acres more or less on the west side of Greene Tree Road northerly of the Festival at Woodholme Shopping Center in the 3rd Election District. The subject property was part of the Valley Gate subdivision; however, it was bisected from the original tract by the construction of Greene Tree Road. Valley Gate has been

improved by large detached single family homes.

The Petitioner seeks to develop this parcel with garage townhouses consistent with Greene Tree which is located on the east side of Greene Tree Road opposite the subject property and Gray Rock, adjoining the subject property on the north. These two subdivisions are being developed with townhouses with interior garages.

The subject site is constrained by the storm water management pond, the current alignment of Castleon Avenue, on the south and a triangular configuration. The Petitioner seeks the variances in order to develop the subject property in a manner compatible with the Gray Rock and Greene Tree subdivisions. Although it is anticipated Castleon Avenue will be closed and/or realigned in the future, it cannot be done in a timely manner with the Petitioner's development. By securing the variances which will permit placing the units closer to the rear boundary line and closer to each other, Petitioner will also be able to construct townhouses with interior garage units and a landscape berm along the Greene Tree Road frontage of the subdivision.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

> 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare

Anderson v Board of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variances are granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variances are not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variances requested, and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variances requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. Further, granting of the variance will be in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.r.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR VARIANCE

1B01.2.C2.a and 504 (V.B.5.a - C.M.D.P.) to allow dwellings with windows within 30 ft of a tract boundary in lieu of the required 35 ft; Section 1B01.2.C.2.b (V.B.6c - C.M.D.P.) to allow a minimum distance of 30 ft between centers of facing windows of different buildings in lieu of the required 40 ft.

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DESCRIPTION THE MARGATE 3.3 ACRE, MORE OR LESS PARCEL WEST SIDE OF GREENE TREE ROAD, NORTH OF HOOK'S LAME ELECTION DISTRICT 3 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

This description is to accompany the petition for yard variances.

BEGINNING for the same on the west side of Greene Tree Road. said point of beginning being 1,590 feet, more or less northerly from the center line of Hook's Lane thence continuing to bind on the west side of Greene Tree Road (1) North 08 degrees 32 minutes 34 seconds West 671.55 feet to intersect the northwest outline of the whole tract, thence southwesterly the two following courses and distances, (2) South 36 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds West 27.29 feet and (3) South 25 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds West 716.13 feet to intersect the north boundary line of the "Festival at Woodholm" property (shown and recorded on the First Amended Plat, SM57-79), thence binding on said line North 89 degrees 23 minutes and 34 seconds East 423.80 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 3.3 acres of land, more or less, or 143,748 square feet, more or less.

KCI Job No. 01-76055G

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this $\frac{8^{th}}{}$ day of June, 1993 that a variance from Sections 1B01.2.C2.a B.C.Z.R. (V.B.5.a. - C.M.D.P.) to allow dwellings with windows within 30 ft of a tract boundary in lieu of the required 30 ft and Sections 1B01.2.C.2.b B.C.Z.R. (V.B.6.c. -C.M.D.P.) to allow a minimum distance of 30 ft between centers of facing windows at different buildings in lieu of the required 40 ft. in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2 be and is hereby GRANTED subject however to the following restrictions which are conditions president to the granted relief herein:

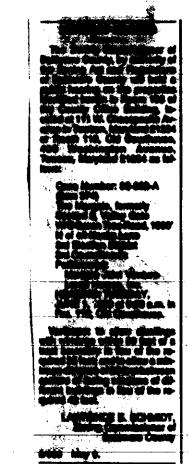
> 1. The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process form this order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> 2. The Petitioner shall submit a landscape plan in compliance with the Baltimore County Landscape Manual.

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

June 8, 1993

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire 29 West Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 205 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE W/S Green Tree Road, 1590' N of the c/l of Hooks Lane (The Margate) 3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Margate Joint Venture, et al - Petitioners Case No. 93-368-A

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

(410) 887-4386

cc: People's Counse

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at northerly center line of Hooks Lane which is presently zoned Dr3.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) see attached sheet of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or 1. Configuration of site 2. For such reasons as may be demonstrated at the time of hearing Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filling of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the Legal Owner(s): Margate Joint Venture Lovell Homes, Inc. Jackson C. Kochen, President Attorney for Politioner: Benjamin Bronstein 9030 Red Branch Road (310) 997-7222 Evans, George and Bronstein Gary Watts West Susquehanna Ave., Suite 205 KCI Technologies 1020 Cromwell Bridge Road 321-550 MEVIEWED BY: 37/C DATE 4/20/93

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Development Plan Review Section has reviewed

on the plan are inaccurate and the planting plan does not

the subject zoning item . The landscape calculations shown

comply with the Landscape Manual. Any proposed fencing must

be at 10 feet off any right-of-ways. Full Landscape Manual

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 7, 1993

FROM: NRobert W. Bowling, P.E., Senior Engineer

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

review is required prior to release of permits.

Development Plan Review

for May 10, 1993

Item No. 374

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURE

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising:

Item No.: 374

Petitioner: Margate Voint benture

Location: W/S of Greene Tree Road, 1590 ft. N at Hooks Lane

PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

NAME: Margate Voint Venture

ADDRESS: 9030 Red Branch Rd, Suite 200 Columbia mo:

PHONE NUMBER: (310) 997-7222

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(Revised 04/09/93)

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

O. James Lighthizer Hal Kassoff

4-29-93

Ms. Helene Kehring Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Item No.: + 374 (MJK)

Dear Ms. Kehring:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

PK/JL:lw

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

APRIL 30, 1993

(410) 887-3353

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public bearing on the property identified berein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesspeaks Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Hashington avenue, Towson, Haryland 21204 as follows

CASE MUMBER: 93-368-A (Item 374) The Margate, formerly Section 3, Valley Gate W/S Green Tree Road, 1590' M of c/l Hooks Lame 3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Margate Joint Venture Lovell Homes, Inc. HEARING: TURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Variance to allow dwellings with windows wihin 30 feet of a tract boundary in lieu of the required 35 feet; and to allow a minimum distance of 30 feet between centers of facing windows of different buildings in lieu of the required 40 feet.

cc: Margate Joint Venture Lovell Homes, Inc. Gary Watts/ECE Technologies Benjamin Bronstein, Esq.

Arnold Jablon, Director

Development Management

Zoning Administration and

Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPPARE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARTINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMPONITIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional

information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

DATE: May 10, 1993

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

May 24, 1993

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire Evans, George and Bronstein 29 West Susquehanna Avenue STE 205 Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Case No. 93-368-A, Item No. 374 Petitioner: Margate Joint Venture Lovell Homes, Inc. Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on April 20, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related <u>only to the filing of future</u> zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

BASTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND 5/4/93

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Zoning Advisory Committee

Captain Jerry Pfeifer

Fire Department

May 3, 1993 -----

Comments for 05/10/93 Meeting

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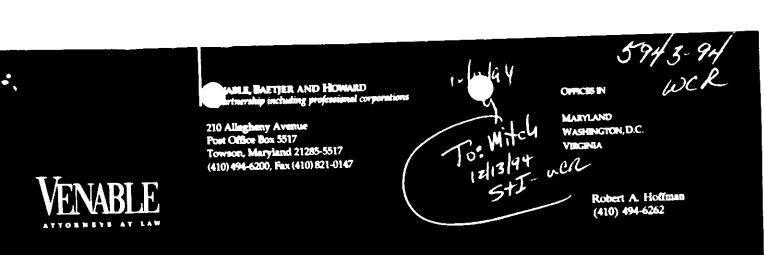
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December 9, 1994

Arnold Jablon, Director
Office of Zoning Administration
and Development Management
County Office Building
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Margate Joint Venture and Lovell Homes, Inc., Petitioners, Case No. 93-368-A

Dear Mr. Jablon:

This firm represents Margate Joint Venture, Lovell Land, Inc. and Regency Homes on the proposed townhouse development of a parcel of land located on the west side of Greentree Road, just north of River Oaks Circle.

This development, known as "Margate," was the subject of a petition for variance in Deputy Zoning Commissioner Case No. 93-368-A in which the then Petitioners, Margate Joint Venture and Lovell Homes, Inc., requested a variance from Section 1801.2.C2.A(v.b.5.a.-CMDP) to allow dwellings with windows within 30 feet of a tract boundary in lieu of the required 35 feet and Section 1801.2.C.2.b(v.b.6.c.-CMDP) to allow a minimum distance of 30 feet between centers of facing windows of different buildings in lieu of the required 40 feet. Those requested variances were granted, and I have enclosed for your review a copy of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

In that case, no protestants were at the hearing and testimony was proffered by Petitioner's counsel. The practical



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difficulty was identified as being the location of the storm water management pond and the desire to install a berm and landscape buffer along Greentree Road.

On Patitioner's Exhibit 1, a copy of which is enclosed, the "typical ground floor plan/planting plan for the units was indicated and labeled "proposed three-story townhouse condominuse." Townhouses of greater than 30 feet, which three-story townhouses condominuse. Townhouses of greater than 30 feet, which three-story townhouses condominuse. Townhouses of greater than 30 feet, which three-story townhouses condominuse. Townhouses of greater than 30 feet, which three-story townhouses condominuse. Townhouses of greater than 30 feet, which three-story townhouses condominuse. Townhouses consecuted the greater than 30 feet is within the construction of the units shown on the plan. Accordingly, we are asking for your confirmation that a 30-foot distance between buildings as shown on the plan where the heights will exceed 30 feet is within the spirit and intent of the Order in Case No. 93-368-A.

I have also enclosed a copy of the Fourth Amended Final Development Plan for "Margate" which indicates what variances were obtained and what the setbacks are for building heights 30 feet or less. Although this appears to contradict the variance plan, I believe it was appropriate that the Final Development Plan, which was approved after the variance case, list only those variances which were clearly obtained.

I have enclosed along with this request a \$40.00 check to cover your administrative processing fee.

Yours truly,

Robert A Foffman

Please be sivised that the order of the zoning case, the petitioner's exhibit, and the fourth amended final development plan indicates as assisms 30-foot height (see copy of a portion of the PPD). If one of the PPD is four the processing fee.

Yours truly, for the processing fee.

Please be advised that the order of the zoning case, the petitioner's exhibit, and

Mitchell J. Kellman

Planner II

